

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
LEPC REPORT
(Drafted 15 May 2006)**

Madison County Disaster & Emergency Plan: The main body of the Disaster & Emergency Plan, along with the three new annexes (Hazmat, WMD/Terrorism and Evacuation/Quarantine) which have been approved by the County Board of Commissioners to date has been given to the Town Councils of the four incorporated towns for their consideration and adoption. Meanwhile, the county Public Information Plan (another annex to the Disaster and Emergency Plan) is being drafted and is currently about half done, and should be ready for LEPC review prior to the July meeting.

Public Safety Communications: We are continuing to work on expansion of our coverage. The installation of the three new repeaters mentioned in last month's report (Table Mountain, Lone Peak and Reynolds Pass) still looks do-able. At this point we are about \$26,000 short of the total amount needed to do all three, but are working on achieving the goal we set for ourselves to get this improved coverage in place this summer through scrounging used equipment, seeking external financial assistance and any other technique that would seem to have the potential to bear fruit.

Big Sky: Assuming we are indeed successful in gaining communications from Dispatch into the Madison County portion of Big Sky, the Emergency Management department has been authorized by the Commissioners to look into the county's public safety responsibilities in that area with a view to assessing the best way to respond, given the capabilities we have or are likely to have in the foreseeable future. This process will probably take a while to complete, but meetings have already begun with several of the Big Sky "players" to look into this situation and come up with some recommendations.

CCC: Melinda will give a full report of CCC activities at the meeting. We have received our FY 05 grant allocation (\$6,650) but are currently concentrating on expending all the FY 04 Augmentation we received (\$5,070) before the end of this month when the grant runs out. Also, note the continuing education that is being conducted under the CCC program for our CERT graduates. Their ongoing interest is impressive and represents considerable potential for augmenting our regular cadre of responders when the next big "event" occurs.

NIMS: The summary letter to the Commissioners outlining the results of your assessment of the county's NIMS compliance will be ready for review at this meeting. As part of your recommended response to known deficiencies, we have scheduled a combined ICS 200 and IS 700 class (Basic ICS and Intro. To the National Incident Management System), which is required for continued eligibility for federal grants after next September. This one-day course will be held in Alder Fire Hall starting at 8:00 AM, 3 June. Although primarily intended to fulfill the minimum requirements for our responders, the course is open to and appropriate for the general public.

County Emergency Management Budget: At preliminary budget discussions for the county fiscal year that starts 1 July '06, the Madison County Board of Commissioners tentatively agreed that they expect to fund the current Emergency Management Department arrangement through December 2006. At that time, a newly hired person is to take over the more traditional DES duties on a ¾ FTE basis for the remainder of the county fiscal year. We will concurrently have a separate ½ FTE position starting then as well, concentrating on grant & contract work, public safety communications enhancement and the like with exact details yet to be worked out. With a largely new Board of Commissioner taking office next winter, they can then decide how to organize and execute emergency management after July 2007 during next spring's regular budget development.